

geographers. Careful analysis and arrangement of the content of the subject is as greatly needed as the exploration of unknown lands. It must be remembered, however, that the object of analysis and classification is to render practical aid in the understanding of geographical items, old and new. There should be no hindrance placed in the way of the active pathfinders who seek to enter unknown lands; but there should be every encouragement given to those who believe that some of the unknown elements of geography may be discovered without going far from home.

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*Stated Meeting, April 18, 1902.*

President WISTAR in the Chair.

Present, 16 members.

Letters accepting membership were read from

Dr. John A. Brashear, Allegheny, Pa.

Dr. Andrew Carnegie, New York.

Prof. William B. Clark, Baltimore.

Dr. Hermann Collitz, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

President Arthur T. Hadley, New Haven.

Prof. George E. Hale, Williams Bay, Wis.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington.

Prof. Theodore W. Richards, Cambridge.

Prof. Felix E. Schelling, Philadelphia.

Prof. Robert Henry Thurston, Ithaca, N. Y.

Prof. Robert S. Woodward, New York.

Mr. Thomas Willing Balch presented, on behalf of his brother and himself, the MS. account book of the first "Philadelphia Assembly," 1748, and read a note thereon.

Mr. Alden Sampson read a paper on "The Ruins of Palmyra, with a Brief Consideration of the Ancient Estate of that City."